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## **An Act To Prohibit Air Bag Fraud**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2117** is enacted to read:

### **§ 2117. Air bag fraud**

**1. Air bag fraud.** A person may not, with intent to defraud another person, obtain property from that other person or a 3rd person by knowingly installing or reinstalling in a motor vehicle an object in lieu of an air bag that was designed in accordance with federal safety requirements as provided in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.208 (2007) and that is proper for the make, model and year of the vehicle as part of the vehicle's inflatable restraint system.

**2. Penalty.** A violation of this section is a Class C crime, punishable by a \$5,000 fine and imprisonment of up to one year.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill creates the crime of air bag fraud, which is knowingly making an air bag inoperable for fraudulent purposes.